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The impending conclusion of my term as Temple's Vice President of Administration presents an opportunity I have always wished for, the occasion to write a love letter to the congregation. Temple Beth David has been a second home to me since I moved to

Rochester in 1996. Our children were born into the congregation, educated by the congregation and celebrated their B'nai Mitzvot with you. My mother and father were buried by our Rabbis. I feel blessed to grow old with you as we seek meaning, guidance and spirituality in Jewish learning, tradition and practice.

Three years ago at this time of year, the board of trustees was working through the tortured process of seeking a new President for the congregation. No volunteers. After some deliberation, Maxine Manjos and Barbara Grosh agreed to share the job while I agreed to take on more of the administrative and organizational functions that previously fell on the President in order to make that job more manageable. I hope that it has worked as intended but you'll have to ask them and our new President, Sue Eckhaus. For me, it's been a challenging and often humbling experience. I am grateful to so many of you for the help, inspiration, patience and education I've received. I am also grateful to Shelby who has supported me through many, many hours of working on synagogue business.

I have great respect for the commitment of my colleagues on the Executive Board and for the dedication and sincerity of Rebecca and the Rabbi who have worked through times much

more difficult than any of us anticipated. We've had to say farewell to beloved friends at the heart of our congregational life. We've felt the pain of a wave of increased intimidation and violence directed against minority communities including our own. We've endured the disruption, uncertainty and fear of a pandemic. You can imagine the many unexpected decisions we've had to make under these circumstances and we've undoubtedly made mistakes even when working with the best of intentions. In that vein, I'd like to applaud Sue and Maxine for working closely with United Synagogue (USCJ) to examine and improve our leadership processes. Little as I enjoy these formalities, they really do matter and do reflect the Jewish and moral way of doing business. Doing things in a proper and respectful way takes effort. I believe the work we have done with USCJ will serve us well going forward.

What sets our congregation apart in my mind is the welcoming nature and active engagement of our membership. One signature practice that I personally cherish is congregant reading of the Torah at Shabbat and High Holiday services. As we age and our numbers dwindle, we find ourselves at a crossroads. We have to ask the painful questions about what we can and cannot practically do. What aspects of congregational life are most important to us? Do we have the volunteer base to sustain and perhaps even grow those things? Can we address some of them with our financial resources? Our participation in formulating answers is crucial. I believe that what emerges from that conversation can be a vision of our future that we can all embrace.

Reaching a new equilibrium where we preserve what we value most will require more

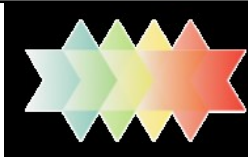
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The mission of Temple Beth David is to provide an environment where the concepts of community prayer, education, and service to the greater Jewish community are provided within the context of Conservative Judaism. We take pride in being a friendly, participatory, egalitarian community, welcoming all to be a part of our synagogue family.

effort and engagement from all of us. That effort probably translates into different ways to pitch in for each of us - perhaps learning to read Torah, participating in the lay leadership, visiting our sick and mourning congregants, engaging in our educational programming, or helping to initiate and support social action initiatives together. Let's nurture the culture and community that has meant so much to us.

With affection and regard,

Sue



2021 Annual Meeting

Sunday December 12 at 10:00 am



in Temple Beth David's sanctuary and via Zoom, by invitation only

All members are encouraged to attend.

Topics to be discussed include all items from the October and November meetings: leadership planning and slate of officers, financial planning and dues structure, work with USCJ and consultants, location, rental and lease, personnel, proposed budget, and details about the voting process.

Please email Sue Eckhaus president@tbdrochester.org with questions or call the temple office.

Yahrzeits			Date Observed
December 2 Dora Lutzky	December 11 Mac Gan Elsie Perlman	December 21 Anna Alva Sylvia Weber	December 27 Helen Steinberg
December 3 Wilma Meyers Sylvia Towber	December 13 Marcia M. Davis	December 22 Martin Roth	December 28 Sheldon Feuerstein Bernard Kaufman Donna Wexler Larca
December 4 Sheldon Harris	December 15 Harold Feinberg	December 23 Max Gross Abraham Lutzky David Matis Przewuzman Y'hoshua Schnidman Nathan Zeif	December 29 Sheldon Himmilstein
December 6 Ben Drexler Fajwel Kinel Harry Vine	December 17 Adele Katzman Morris Schnidman	December 24 Meyer Smith	December 31 Rae Goldman Herbert Kraus Max Schwartz
December 8 Robert N. Herman	December 18 Bella Nussbaum Nissim Ojalvo	December 25 Eugene Roth	<i>The yahrzeit date that appears above is the date of observance using the secular calendar. These dates match those of the Hebrew calendar for the actual date of death.</i>
December 9 Lillian Mou9ntain	December 19 Bessie Braiman Jean Levy Gan	December 26 Miriam Kaufman Milton Lande Irving Mindlin	
December 10 Michal (bat Moshe) Tal	December 20 Sam Cohen		

All in the Family

November Birthdays

Lori Davis	December 2
Adele Gan	December 4
Stanley Schaffer	December 4
Phil Katzman	December 11
Sharon Alva	December 12
Sue Drexler	December 27
Neil Hyman	December 27
Scott Davis	December 29
Rabbi Aviva Berg	December 30
Merrie Franklin	December 31
Daniel Shapiro	December 31



Happy 95th Birthday, Eva Abrams!

Mindy Zoghlin, *Super Lawyer!* Our own Mindy Zoghlin, Zoghlin Group PLLC senior partner, has been named as a Rising Star on the 2021 list of Super Lawyers. Mindy is recognized as a top-rated land use and zoning attorney in Rochester for the fourth year in a row.

Super Lawyers is a rating service of outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. The selection process includes independent research, peer nominations and peer evaluations. Mazel tov, Mindy!



Mazel Tov

Jonathan was called to the Torah on Saturday November 6, 2021 at Synagogue Emanuel, Charleston, SC in the presence of his proud grandparents, Jean and Ron Brandwein. He led the Torah service, read the maftir portion from the Torah, chanted the haftarah, led Musaf and gave an inspiring speech. For his charity projects, he donated his hair to Locks of Love and made a large food donation to the Charleston Kosher Food Pantry.

Ronald and Carol Schott are thrilled to welcome back to the USA their son David Schott, his wife Jordan Clark-Mand, and baby Denali Burton Schott. David and family were living in London. Due to Covid-19, Carol, Ron, and mishpacha had only visited via ZOOM, FaceTime and WhatsApp. After visiting family in Rochester and Syracuse, David, Jordan, and Denali will set up home in Seattle, Washington.



Save the Date

Celebrate Chanukah

with your IBD family

Saturday, December 4 6:00 pm

Look for more details in the weekly newsletter, coming soon.



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Chanukah 2021

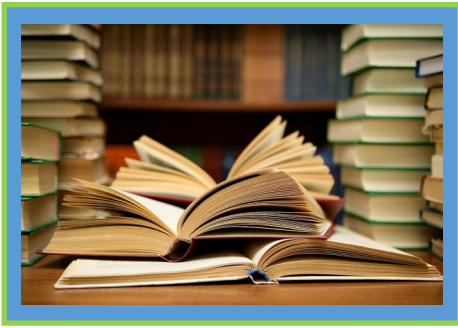
Collection Drive benefitting
Brighton Food Cupboard and
Brighton Your Wardrobe

Items specifically requested by BFC and BYW include:

bar soap	body wash	shampoo	conditioner	deodorant
toothbrushes	toothpaste	diapers	NEW underwear	NEW socks
(other food and clothing items will also be accepted)				

Collecting the whole week of Chanukah November 28 – December 6

Drop off items at Rebecca's house or call for a pick-up
585-266-3223 for directions or to make arrangements



Jewish Short Stories Discussion Group

Special December Event

Tuesday December 7

7:00 - 8:30 pm

Featuring Betty Baker's "Flight to the Goldeneh"

A fictionalized account of the author's mother-in-law's tale. Fagela Rivka had been just 12 years old on arriving on Ellis Island with a sign hanging from her neck that read "Fanny Jacobs, Rochester NY," which was to be her new name and home. What crises had led to the girl's solo departure from Lithuania? What must that arduous journey have entailed? But it is also true, for the stories are a quilt of the very real experiences of her Jewish immigrant parents and her many relatives - the mishpocha - living on Joseph Avenue in the 1930s. Betty Baker (z"l) and her family were long-time members of the Temple Beth David family.

7:00 - 7:45 pm Discussion focusing on Betty's story.
Betty's children Ken, Jeff, and Barb will join us.

7:50 - 8:30 pm Ken Baker will lead a discussion about how the diaspora has directly impacted each of our lives. Ken will open the discussion to anyone who might like to share something of their own families' history. Contact the temple office to receive a copy of Betty's story.

"I know Mom would be kvelling with happiness at the thought that her short story is being shared with the Temple Beth David community." - Ken Baker



1905 photograph of Fannie (Fagela) Baker as a young woman, and (Fannie's daughter-in-law) Betty Baker, at age 76.

Gates of Everyday Holiness: An Introductory Course on Mussar

with Howard Brill and Liz Ornstein

Sundays: 11:00 am -12:30 pm
October 10, 24, November 7, 21,
December 5, 19, 26, January 9, 23,
February 6

Mussar is an ancient Jewish tradition of spiritual practice. It is not philosophical or mystical but emphasizes the practical aspects of being a better person, a mensch. We study character traits (middot) such as humility, patience, order, truth, and trust. Participants will discuss and keep journals of their experience with each middah (character trait). All are welcome, whether you've just heard of Mussar or you've been practicing for some time. The group will meet every other week, and members will meet in pairs (chevruta partners) on the alternating weeks.



Jewish Environmentalism

with Bonnie Abrams

Tuesdays: 1:00 - 2:30 pm
December 7, 14, 21, 28
Fee: \$40

What is Jewish environmentalism? Judaism intersects with environmentalism on many levels. The natural world plays a central role in Jewish law, literature and liturgical practices. Is it any wonder that we have a notable history of environmental thought and activism? This course will introduce participants to the history of Jewish environmentalism and to its practical implications today.

For more information or to register for a class, please visit tbk.org/learning.

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